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A three-page report on a thermal electric power station and very general comments on a secret military plant (*voynny zavod*) in Beltsy (N 47-46, E 21-56), which was supposed to be manufacturing equipment for submarines.

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New Power Station and Secret Military Plant  
in Beltsy

New Power Station

1. A new thermal power station had been under construction in Beltsy [N 47-46, E 27-56] since 1953-1954. It was being built at the end of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Leningradskaya (former name unknown), one of the town's main streets. The plant was located on the right side of this street, coming from the center of town, about 500-600 meters past a large bakery (Khleb Zavod).

2. The plant's first generator, with an output of 3,000 KW, was activated in 1953, but by January 1958 it was still the only

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generator in operation. When completed in 1962-1963, the power house should have four additional generators. (No information was available on their output or the total power of the station.)

3. In January 1958 the building for the power station was completed. This structure, 20 x 30 meters in size, consisted of three stories, the ground floor being nine meters high and the other two stories about four meters high. In addition to the building, there was also completed a concrete tank, 30 x 30 x 6 meters, for cooling water; and a red brick chimney about 50 meters high, the only tall chimney in the vicinity.

4. Beltsy received its electric current from the generator at the new power house, as well as from the old 2,000 KW power station which had three generators operating on diesel oil and from one 500 KW generator near the railroad station. These sources supplied only about 70 percent of the town's needs, however, and many of the inhabitants still used kerosene lamps.

#### Secret Military Plant

5. A secret military plant, known by the inhabitants of Beltsy as the "military factory" (Voenny Zavod), was located almost in the center of the city, on either side of <sup>Tsa</sup> Kotovskogo, in the quarter known as "Pomynten". It <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ about 300 meters from the town's small

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railroad station, in the direction of the main railroad station.

Nearby was an old Polish cemetery.

6. [redacted] the plant employed about 1,500 workers, who were required to sign a pledge of secrecy. [redacted]

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[redacted] the plant manufactured equipment for submarines. It was not known whether it was a new or old plant.

7. The plant consisted of numerous buildings (no details). It was surrounded by a three meter high concrete wall, topped by two or three strands of barbed wire. There were no watch towers around the wall. Inside the plant area, dogs could be heard barking, by day and by night.

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